

Appl. No. 09/862,894
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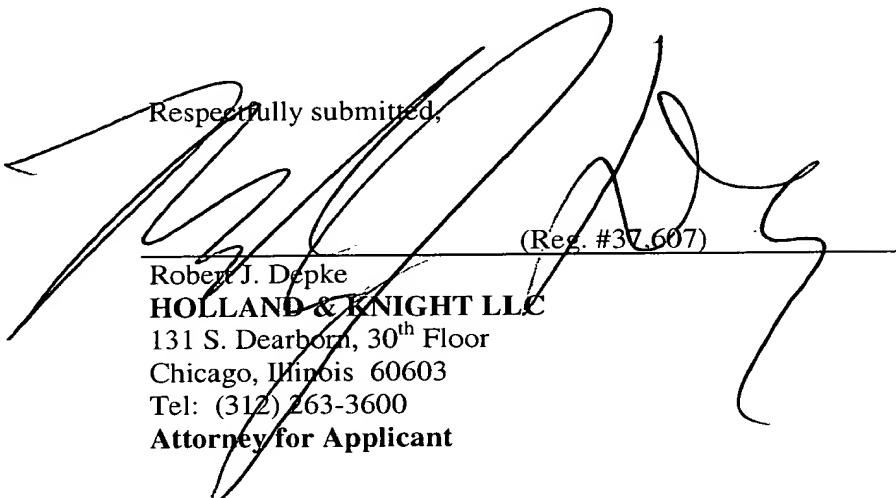
REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for their Office Action dated January 2, 2004 and the indication of allowability for claims 1-9, 13, and 14.

Without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's position, and solely to expedite prosecution, claim 15 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now stand in condition for allowance.

Date: April 2, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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